Grant County

Resolution Number R-20-17

A Resolution Amending the 2019 Polling Place Resolution R-19-38 for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2019, pursuant to the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978, Section 1-3-2 (2019), in Resolution R-19-38, the Board of County Commissioners designated the location of election day polling places in the county for the conduct of any statewide election conducted in calendar years 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to the contagion of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the very real potential for poll workers and voters to contract the COVID-19 disease through the in-person voting process absentee ballot applications are being sent to all registered members of the three major political parties; and

WHEREAS, because all eligible voters are being encouraged to vote by mail and to reduce the number of needed poll workers, for the June 2nd, 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election the number of election-day polling places should be reduced to the minimum required by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to:

Section 1-3-7(A): "No less than one polling place shall be provided for each precinct".

Section 1-3-4(B)(3): "each voter convenience center shall be a consolidated precinct

composed of no more than ten precincts;"; and

Section 1-1-12(B): "... in a statewide election, references to "precincts" in the voting process shall be applicable to consolidated precincts.";

Section 1-3-5(B): "... No precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or combined or the boundaries adjusted less than four months prior to a statewide

election, except by order of the district court."; and

Section 1-11-1: "The county clerk shall, at least twenty-one days prior to a statewide

election, give notice of the election.".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners amends the 2019 Polling Place Resolution only for purposes of the June 2nd, 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election and designates the following election day polling locations for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election, as follows:

Precinct Numbers

Location & Address

Voter Convenience Centers (VCC):

(All voters in the county may vote at these locations, regardless of where they live.)

9,23,24,25,26,27,

Bayard Community Center

28,29 & 34

290 Hurley Ave.

Bayard, NM

1,2,11,20,22

Grant County Fair Grounds Exhibit Building

30,33,36 & 37

16 Arena Rd.

Cliff, NM

5,7,10,15 &16

San Lorenzo Elementary School

38 & 39

3655 Highway 35 San Lorenzo, NM

8, 12,13,14, 17,

GC Administration Building

18,19,21 & 32

1400 Highway 180 East

Silver City, NM

Mail Ballot Election Precincts:

(Ballots will be mailed to voters 28 days before the election; may also vote at a VCC.)

3 Sapillo Creek

4 Sapillo Creek

6 Red Rock

31 Hachita

35 Mule Creek

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following adoption of this *Resolution* by the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager shall direct the County Attorney to seek approval of the District Court of the new consolidated precincts, adjusted consolidated precincts, or abolished precincts or consolidated precincts for purposes of the voting process in the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall include the amended polling locations provided for in this *Resolution* in the *Notice of Election* that is posted no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State and inform the Secretary of State when the District Court has approved the amended polling locations provided for in this *Resolution*.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of ______, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Chris Ponce, Chairman

Gerald W. Billings, Jr., Member

Harry Browne, Member

Alicia Edwards, Member

Jayliet Salas, Member

ATTEST:

Marisa Castrillu: County Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bradley A. Springer, County Attorney

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